GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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PRIVATISATION OF NEWS BULLETINS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after the privatisation of FM broadcast, the news-bulletins and current affairs programme still remains with AIR;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to privatise broadcast of news bulletins and current affair programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): The private FM Stations are allowed tobroadcast music, education, entertainment based programmes and local information on subjects like business, capital market and local market, airline/railway and bus schedules, traffic, sports and weather etc.

(c) : At present, there is no proposal to privatise the broadcast of news bulletins and current affairs programmes.